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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1482

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MY INITIAL CALL ON FONMIN

1. FONMIN RECEIVED ME OCTOBER 6 AS FIRST STEP IN PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS. APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT SIAD PROMISED SHORTLY.

2. I TOOK OCCASION OF MY FIFTEEN-MINUTE TALK ALONE WITH HIM TO EMPHASIZE OUR FEELING THAT SOME IMPROVEMENT HAD OCCURRED IN US-SOMALI RELATIONS OVER PAST TWO YEARS, OUR RESPECT FOR SOMALIA'S RIGHT TO RUN ITS OWN AFFAIRS THE WAY IT WISHED, OUR INTEREST IN MORE EXCHANGES BETWEEN US AND SOMALIA AND OUR DESIRE FOR PEACE IN HORN.

3. FONMIN SAID HE, TOO, FELT RELATIONS HAD IMPROVED. HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF MUTUAL RESPECT BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND ASKED FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SOMALIA'S PRESENT INDEPENDENT COURSE WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THAT US FOLLOWED IN ITS EARLY DAYS. HE SAID FREINDSHIPS BETWEEN NATIONS WERE NOT DEPENDENT UPON AID. SOMALIA FEELS ITS FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS THE BEST FOR ITS PEOPLE AT THIS STAGE. SOMALIA IS TRYING TO REDUCE ITS POVERTY AND DISEASE PRIMARILY THROUGH EFFORTS OF ITS OWN PEOPLE - ANY AID
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THEY RECEIVE FROM OUTSIDE CAN ONLY BE SUPPLEMENTAL. MY MISSION

WOULD BE "VERY SUCCESSFUL" IF IT TOOK PLACE IN SPIRIT I HAD
OUTLINED.

4. TONE OF FONMIN, AS WOULD BE EXPECTED ON SUCH AN OCCASION,
WAS CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT. HE MADE NO CRITICISM OF
US POLICIES AND DID NOT MENTION ETHIOPIA.
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